



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

### Jazz Day

**WHEREAS**, jazz is an original American art form that affirms the noblest aspirations of our national character, individual discipline, perseverance, and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, jazz has produced some of America's leading creative artists and ranks as one of America's greatest exports to the world; and

**WHEREAS**, jazz has inspired dancers, choreographers, poets, novelists, filmmakers, classical composers, and musicians in many other kinds of music; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor and recognize the outstanding work that all jazz artists, educators, and enthusiasts present; and

**WHEREAS**, jazz has spoken eloquently of freedom for people in the United States and abroad, and has become an international language that bridges differences and brings people of all races, ages, and backgrounds together; and


**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2013 cities will celebrate Jazz Day and mayors are encouraged to plan jazz related activities and programming; and


**WHEREAS**, the United States Conference of Mayors members participated in Jazz Day for the past five years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2013 as Jazz Day in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of April, 2013

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State